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Shortage of Fighter Aircrafts
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is facing shortage of fighter aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has signed agreements with various countries for purchase of fighter aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has signed agreement with Russia for procurement of fighter aircrafts equipped with stealth technology, if so, the details thereof along with the funds likely to be utilized for the same; and

(d) the time by which these aircrafts are likely to be inducted in the Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) The Indian Air Force (IAF) is equipped to cater for the threat environment that exists and is ready to meet the role assigned to it. Operational preparedness of IAF is reviewed from time to time based on the threat perception. Further, augmentation of capabilities of IAF including its modernisation and acquisition is a dynamic and continuous process.

(b) No agreement has been signed with any country for the procurement / purchase of fighter aircraft.

(c) No agreement has been signed with Russia for procurement of fighter aircraft equipped with stealth technology. However, an Inter-Governmental agreement has been signed with Russian Federation for design, development, production etc. of a Prospective Multi Role Fighter Aircraft.

(d) Does not arise.

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